THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE J.CHELAMESWAR

AND

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.E.N.PATRUDU

WRIT PETITION No: 3183 of 2006

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Dated: 21.02.2006

Between:

Government of A.P., rep., by its

Principal Secretary to Government,

General Administration Department,

A.P., Hyderabad & 4 others.

... PETITIONERS

AND

Smt R. Durgamba

... RESPONDENT

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ORDER:- (PER THE HONOURABLE JC,J)

Aggrieved by an order of the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in

O.A.No.6137 of 2000, dated 26.08.2004, by which the abovementioned O.A. was allowed, the respondents therein preferred the present writ petition.

The sole applicant in the abovementioned O.A. is the sole respondent herein. The respondent's husband one Srinivasa Rao was working as Veterinary Assistant with the writ petitioners herein. It appears that he committed suicide while he was in service. The respondent herein therefore made an application to the petitioners praying that she may be provided with some employment on the grounds of compassion in terms of G.O.Ms.No.687, General Administration (Ser.A) Department, dated 03.10.1977.

The application of the respondent was rejected on the ground that the scheme does not apply to the dependents of the employees (who are otherwise, covered by G.O.Ms.No.687), who commited suicide.

Nothing is brought to our notice either from the tenor of the abovementioned G.O. or otherwise, which enables the government to draw such a distinction between the natural death, suicide or homicide of an employee of the State.

In the circumstances, in our view the Tribunal rightly allowed the O.A. We do not see any merits in the writ petition and the same is dismissed at the admission stage. No order as to costs.

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J.CHELAMESWAR, J

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M.E.N.PATRUDU, J

Date: 21.02.2006

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